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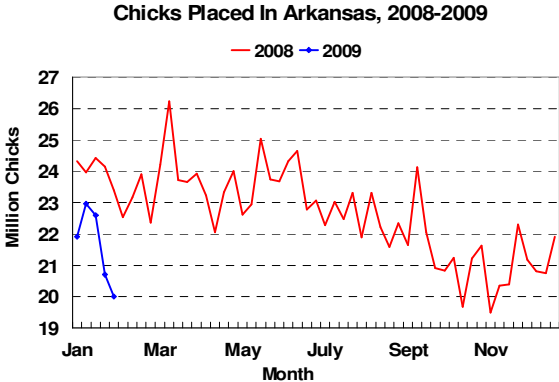
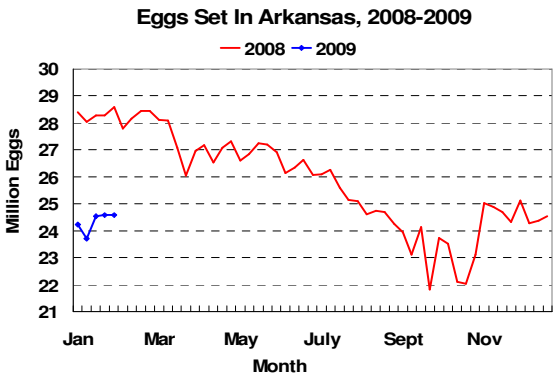


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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 14 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 20.0 million during the week ending January 31, 2009. Placements were down 14 percent from the comparable week in 2008 and down 3 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending January 31, 2009, down 14 percent from the same period last year but virtually unchanged from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, January 3, 2009 - January 31, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	3-Jan	10-Jan	17-Jan	24-Jan	31-Jan	3-Jan	10-Jan	17-Jan	24-Jan	31-Jan
<i>Thousand</i>										
Alabama	28,964	28,919	28,914	29,216	28,765	19,933	20,312	19,895 *	19,290 *	19,404
Arkansas	24,227	23,721 *	24,526	24,590 *	24,578	21,908	22,969	22,583	20,709 *	20,008
Delaware	3,358	3,358	3,345	3,332	3,417	4,633	4,869	4,743	4,502	4,547
Florida	1,028	1,028 *	962	999	1,016	978	798	763	864	898
Georgia	32,528	32,954 *	32,876 *	33,154	32,317	27,662	27,503	27,218	27,720	28,258
Kentucky	7,922 *	7,471 *	7,674	7,663	6,723	5,842	6,606 *	6,495 *	6,322 *	4,505
Louisiana	3,424	3,424	3,454	3,454	3,454	3,388	3,400	3,391	3,247	3,622
Maryland	8,613	8,719	8,946	8,156	8,484	5,850	6,069	6,236	5,880	6,199
Mississippi	17,491	17,401	17,362	16,926	17,190	15,583	15,472	15,594	16,346 *	16,271
N. Carolina	18,762	18,701 *	18,420	18,985	18,544	15,834	15,348 *	15,624 *	15,287 *	15,536
Oklahoma	6,603	6,307 *	6,755	6,645 *	6,724	4,143	3,633	3,792	4,502 *	4,393
Pennsylvania	3,742	3,849 *	4,036	3,859 *	3,861	3,377	3,269 *	3,030	2,963 *	2,980
S. Carolina	5,555	5,697	6,032	5,272	5,792	4,423	4,676	5,435	4,533	4,604
Texas	15,503	15,342	15,081	15,383	14,735	12,961	13,113	13,277	13,255	13,161
Virginia	5,969	5,849	5,880	5,505	5,385	4,660	4,476	4,235	4,752	4,656
CA,MO,TN & WW	19,043 *	19,225 *	19,352 *	18,519 *	17,883	17,494 *	15,689 *	15,429 *	17,019 *	17,571
19 State Total	202,732 *	201,965 *	203,615 *	201,658 *	198,868	168,669 *	168,202 *	167,740 *	167,191 *	166,613
Prev. Year Total	217,209	215,444	216,467	217,697	218,880	177,800	178,512	178,783	177,611	176,060
% of Prev. Year	93	94	94	93	91	95	94	94	94	95

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 9 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 31, 2009. This was down 9 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 31, 2009. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through January 31, 2009 were 838 million, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.